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By the King.

¶ A Proclamation declaring His Maiesties pleasure concerning Sir Walter Rawleigh, and those who aduentured with him.



Whereas we gaue Licence to Sir Walter Rawleigh, Knight, and others of Our Subiects with him, to vndertake a Voyage to the Countrey of Guyana, where they pretended great hopes & probabilities to make discovery of certaine Gold Mines, for the lawfull enriching of themselves, and these Our Kingdoms: wherein we did by expresse limitation and Caution restraints, and forbid them and euery of them, from attempting any Acte of hostilitie, wrong, or violence whatsoeuer, vpon any of the Territories, States, or Subiects of any foraine Princes, with whom we are in amitie: And more peculiarly of those of our deare Brother the King of Spaine, in respect of his Dominions and Interests in that Continent.

All which notwithstanding, we are since informed by a Common fame, that they, or some of them haue, by an hostile inuasion of the towne of S. Thome (being vnder the obedience of Our said deare Brother the King of Spaine) and by killing of diuers of the inhabitants therof, his Subiects, and after by sackings and burning of the said towne, (as much as in them for their owne parts lay) maliciously broken and infringed the Peace and Amity, which hath been so happily established, and so long inuolably continued betweene Us and the Subiects of both Our Crownes.

We haue therefore held it fit, as appertaining neerely to Our Royall Justice and Honor, estoones to make a publique declaration of Our owne bitter dislike and detestation of the said insolences, and excesses, if any such haue bene by any of Our Subiects committed: And for the better detection and clearing of the very trueth of the said common fame; we doe hereby straitly charge and require all Our Subiects whatsoeuer, that haue any particular vnderstanding and notice therof, vpon their duety and alleagiance which they owe Us, immediately after publication of this Our pleasure, to repaire vnto some of Our Priuy Counsell, and to discover and make knowne vnto them their whole knowledge and vnderstanding concerning the same, vnder paine of Our high displeasure and indignation; that we may thereupon proceede in Our Princely Justice to the exemplary punishment and coercion of all such, as shal be convicted and found guilty of so scandalous and enoymous outrages.

W. a. n. e. r.
Giuen at Our ~~Palace~~ of Greenwich, the ninth day of Iune, in the sixteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and fiftieth.

God saue the King.

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